

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 21 of page 10 and ending on line 9 of page 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A logic table object, such as logic table object 220, presents domain-specific table data by logically merging or consolidating table data from multiple data table and/or logic table objects, supplementing table functionality, and/or synthesizing data into the table, in accordance with a given type of configuration information requested (e.g., configuration information for Components, Applications, etc.). The domain-specific nature of the table data is preferably defined by at least one input parameter, including without limitation a database ID, a table ID, a query parameter, or a level of server parameter). Logic table objects in a COM+ Catalog environment are type-independent abstraction layers between a caller (such as the runtime catalog 210) and one or more datastores (such as datastores 214 and 216) containing configuration information. A logic table object typically sits atop one or more data table objects and introduces domain-specific rules and processes to the underlying data table objects, although other configurations of table systems are possible (see FIG. 4).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 13 and ending at line 17 of page 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

With reference to FIG. 3, an exemplary computing system for embodiments of the invention includes a general purpose computing device in the form of a conventional computer system 300, including a processor unit 302, a system memory 304, and a system bus 306 that couples various system components including the system memory 304 to the processor unit ~~300~~ 302. The system bus 306 may be any of several types of bus structures including a memory bus or memory controller, a peripheral bus and a local bus using any of a variety of bus architectures. The system memory includes read only memory (ROM) 308 and random access memory (RAM) 310. A basic input/output system 312 (BIOS), which contains basic routines that help transfer information between elements within the computer system 300, is stored in ROM 308.

Please replace the paragraph on page 16, lines 1-8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Preferably, table objects for accessing one or more datastores in a computer system are obtained via one or more table dispensers or table object dispensers. To access one or more datastores, a caller obtains a table object by passing input parameters to a table dispenser. The table dispenser references a wiring database to determine an appropriate configuration of table objects needed to return the desired table object to the caller. Dispensers are described in more detail in U.S. Patent Application No. [[_____]] 09/360,445, now U.S. Patent No. 6,466,943, entitled "OBTAINING TABLE OBJECTS USING TABLE DISPENSERS", filed concurrently herewith and incorporated herein by reference for all that it discloses and teaches.